

[13th March 1928]

### Criminal Justice

*Prosecution of persons in Madras City for disturbing public peace on 3rd February 1928.*

\* 1706 Q.—K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons who have been prosecuted in the City of Madras for disturbing public peace on the 3rd February 1928, the date of the arrival of the Simon Commission in India;

(b) whether it is not a fact that Muhammadans as a rule abstained from taking part in the hartal on the 3rd of February; and

(c) the names of the persons who were shot dead in the Esplanade as a result of opening fire by the police?

A.—(a) Twenty-eight.

(b) The Government believe that many Muhammadan shops in Triplicane and elsewhere were open.

(c) Parthasarathi.

### Forests

*Havoc to crops by wild boars in South Kanara.*

\* 1707 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the havoc done to crops by wild boars in the vicinity of reserved forests in South Kanara; and

(b) whether they are giving rewards for killing wild boars, and if so, what is the amount paid in each case?

A.—(a) The Government are aware that in certain localities in South Kanara wild pigs damage crops.

(b) Rewards are not granted for the destruction of wild animals other than tigers and panthers.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—“With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I know whether the Government will consider the question of giving rewards for the destruction of wild boars?”

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—“The question will be considered, Sir.”

### Panchayat Courts

*Amendment of the Village Courts Act.*

\* 1708 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the question of amending the Village Courts Act as promised by him in the answers given to my questions Nos. 942 and 944 on the 31st October 1927?

A.—The amendment of the Act is under consideration.